

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 818 – HB 1014

March 27, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to submit an annual report on the status of the implementation of a secure web portal for online permit applications to General Assembly members by February 15 each year, rather than by January 31.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006180): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes that any person who has contracted for the right to store water in a reservoir owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) shall have exclusive rights to any return flows generated directly or indirectly to that reservoir by such person. Establishes that the rights shall be subject to any regulatory requirements by the Commissioner of TDEC and to the availability to such person of unused storage capacity within the reservoir to store such returned flows. Defines “return flow” to mean water that is discharged directly or indirectly to a reservoir from a water reclamation facility.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to TDEC, the USACE controls water allocations, and it assumed that such responsibility will be accommodated within the existing resources of the USACE.
- TDEC is not authorized to enforce this provision; therefore, any impact on TDEC expenditures will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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